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MAY PROVE THE PIVOTAL ATTACK

HE present assault of the German forces on the western front of the allied lines does not appear to call forth any trepidation or alarm. Absolute confidence is felt in all quarters. Therefore there is no ground for silly apprehension on the part of the observer five thousand miles away from the scene of activity. General Foch is as imperturbable as ever he was and just about as communicative but his actions are more eloquent than frenzied utterances. He has the situation in hand and is capable of holding it. If this were not the case he would not be so generous in distributing help among the weaker allies. He would not be thinning out his forces by making a back-door attack through Albania. Neither would he have the French tri-color foremost in harrying the retreating Austrians. That he has men and munitions sufficient to assure him of protecting Paris from the vandal hand of the kaiser's minions is a foregone conclusion. Sixty days have come and gone since the first day of the second battle of the Marne when the Hun shock corps simply overwhelmed the French and British on their thinly held lines. Since then the time has been occupied to advantage by weaving American troops into the front line of defenders and incorporating them as separate units as fast as their numbers justified. At the time of the previous advance there was not a single completed United States division, whereas today two complete army corps are assigned to separate places on the front. Each of these corps comprise ten divisions, making a total of 600,000 trained athletes from this side of the Atlantic who are panting for a chance to tackle the foe. These army corps are perfect in every detail down to the smallest unit and entirely independent of the support of their allies. Fritz has begun his massed drives which are favorable for the American artillery to do most effective work and, from the accounts sent out yesterday, it does appear as though the Americans were doing infinitely better than holding their own by slaughtering the oncoming hordes without relinquishing a foot of ground. This is the first real test of the training of our Yankee soldiers when allowed to use their own tactics in resisting attack or in countering the enemy. The first charge of the Huns did not prove such a great shock as had been anticipated since the Americans not alone stemmed the torrent of humanity but succeeded in launching a counter offensive that would not have been essayed had their been any doubt about maintaining the resistance. But, as General Foch said when reproached with the retreat across the Marne, "A war is not won in a day or is victory measured by miles of terrain. The morale of the army is what counts. The fighting quality is what tells in the end."

THE MISSING RUSSIAN FLEET

THE problem of what has become of the former Russian fleet is beginning to exercise the men engaged in estimating the strength of the enemy. The fleet has disappeared off the face of the seas and to all intents and purposes, so far as the intelligence departments know, the ships might as well be at the bottom of the ocean. In fact it would be a satisfaction to know that the fugitive navy has found a resting place in Davy Jones' locker for that would remove a factor that may cause serious trouble at a later date when the world's great fleets will clash for mastery of the seas. The belief is that the fleet has been taken over by Germany and is now a matter of some grave concern for, with three super-dreadnaughts, a dozen submarines, a score or two of torpedo boat destroyers and dozens of transports the aggregation would present a formidable front against even the United States and England with their navies dispersed over the universe.

This is not the time for ruminating over disasters but the time for action of that quick rapid fire order which counts and the allies appear perfectly competent of taking care of the interests committed to their care. The invasion of northern Russia is an indication of the broad strategic moves controlling this world's war. While the newspapers have been occupied with academic discussions regarding the propriety of Japan and China entering Russia the western powers were acting and acting in concert with their Oriental allies. The action is a carefully synopated movement with the prospect of requiring years of war before the truth is brought home to the serfs of Russia who must be taught that the German is a wolf in the fold who would rend the lamb for the gratification of his own greed. Under the circumstances it must be taken as more than a mere coincidence to hear of the awarding of huge ship contracts to China and Japan whose naval constructors can launch vessels faster than they can be built on our side of the globe and then steam around to the White sea or the north Pacific. Time is the chief element in the hostilities and the inauguration of a shipbuilding era in the Orient will bring substantial returns in more ways than mere financial economy.

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The Austrians can find a perfectly easy, if somewhat unsatisfactory, answer to the demand of the German high command for an explanation of their defeat. They are not as good fighters as the Italians.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Berlin, now a city of influenza, presumably took its chills on realizing the strength of the German draft.—New York World.

The famous frogs who covered the German advance on the Chemin des Dames are not the only members of the Teutonic forces who croaked in that attack.—Spokesman-Review.

From the way they are tumbling the Austrians back, we have an idea the Italians know how to make Vienna rolls.—Cynthiana Democrat.

"The case against La Follette," says his counsel, "is a case of 'much ado about nothing.' Are you sure? Don't you mean 'The Taming of the Shrew'?"—Boston Herald.

A ham in Petrograd now costs about \$300. Thus does Socialism administer to the wants of the poor.—Los Angeles Times.

LIVE STOCK SITUATION BETTER THAN EVER IN UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press)

CHICAGO, July 15.—The American livestock situation, as viewed by the National Livestock Exchange after a survey of conditions at the sixty big markets and the great producing areas, never was brighter from the standpoint of the producer, and the consumer, on the other hand, need have little fear of increased prices during the fall and winter, while pork and mutton prices probably will see little change, in the opinion of C. B. Heinemann, secretary of the exchange.

The cattle increase, based on exchange reports from 59 markets and covering the first five months of the

year, is 12.4 per cent over the corresponding period of 1917. Officials of the organization say that late reports indicate that the increase of 3,871,000 hogs estimated January 1, by the department of agriculture, will be far surpassed, and sheep receipts for the first five months increased 397,327 or 6.3 per cent over the same period of 1917. The western lamb increase alone Mr. Heinemann reckons will be 1,500,000 head over last year.

Establishment of shipping zones, which makes a five-day market, long sought by shippers, and eliminates the Monday market "gluts" that formerly caused wide price swings, to-

gether with the bureau of markets' recent action in taking over the work of handling estimated receipts and prospects, have been big factors in stimulating confidence of the producers, Mr. Heinemann declares. The licensing system, effective July 25, under which packers will operate, also had an encouraging effect upon producers, he says.

"The food administration in co-operating with the quartermaster's department contemplates the establishment at western packing centers of a meat reserve of 50,000,000 pounds to take care of emergencies and this purchase will act as a stabilizer to protect the price situation," Mr. Heinemann said.

EXHIBIT OF WAR TROPHIES SHOWN IN LEADING CITIES OF COUNTRY

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 16.—France, England, Belgium, Italy, and the Americans under the command of General John J. Pershing have combined to present to the American people a comprehensive exhibit of war trophies. This allied war exposition now is being held here and is attracting thousands of visitors daily. Eventually it will be shown in all of the large cities of the nation. It is a governmental exhibit under the direction of the national committee on public information. While the itinerary of the exhibit, after it leaves San Francisco, has not as yet been completed, Los Angeles, Denver, Kansas City and Chicago probably will be among the early points in the schedule.

Practically everything shown is war material captured from the enemy including Germans, Turks, Austro-Hungary and Bulgarians. The fact that it takes approximately 25 freight cars to transport the articles from point to point will indicate the impossibility of attempting to enumerate what may be seen. The exhibit includes objects of interest from a tank, captured airplanes and submarine to steel trench helmets and iron crosses.

All manner of cannon are shown and practically all of them show the scars of battle which are eloquent of the ferocity of the fighting which took place before they fell into the hands of the allied armies. Among these is a German mounted anti-airplane gun. Its condition bears every evidence that an allied shell must have struck in close proximity. Allied soldiers doubtless spent some time in collecting and putting the pieces together again. Huge pieces of ordnance with the barrels burst open where a premature explosion of the shell occurred bear testimony to their explosive force.

One German bombing plane is fairly riddled from the effects of a barrage fire. There is scarcely a part of its but what is pierced and

born by shells and bullets. It is not stated whether the men operating it were killed or captured. It is probably taken for granted that the appearance of the airplane automatically answers the question. The tank exhibited, the "Britannia," took a prominent part in some of the most desperate fighting on the western front last year. It is in working condition and is put through its paces by the greater part of its original crew of fighting men who guided it over the shell-torn No Man's Land. One of the feats of this tank and crew was to capture and bring in 364 German prisoners.

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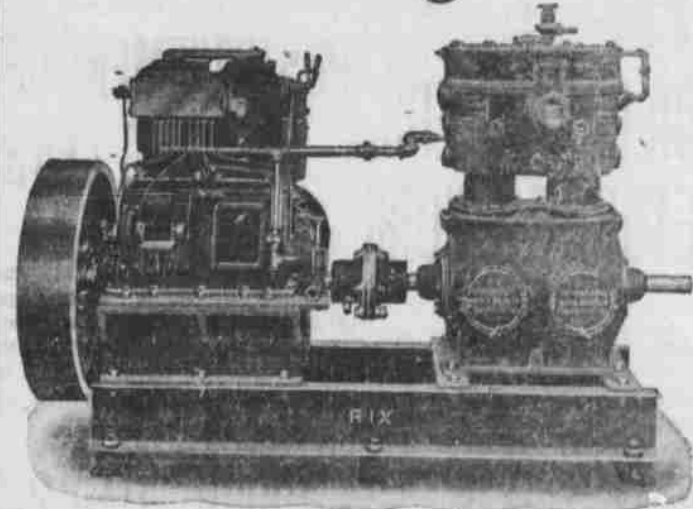
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